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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN SOUTH VIETNAM'S MILITARY COMMAND

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PRESIDENT THIEU ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WILL REPLACE THE MILITARY COMMANDERS OF MILITARY REGIONS 2, 3, 4 AND 4.

MAJOR GENERAL PHAM VAN PHU WILL REPLACE GENERAL TOAN AS COMMANDER OF MR-2. PHU HAS BEEN COMMANDING THE QUANG TRUNG TRAINING CENTER, PRIMARILY TO ENABLE HIM TO RECUPERATE FROM SEVERE PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION THAT FOLLOWED THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN 1972. HIS REPUTATION AS A MILITARY COMMANDER IS GOOD.

GENERAL NGUYEN VAN TOAN WILL BE REPLACED AS COMMANDER OF MR-3 BY LT. GENERAL DO QUOC DONG. DONG'S REPUTATION AS A COMBAT

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COMMANDER IS POOR AND HIS APPOINTMENT APPEARS TO BE POLITICALLY
MOTIVATED.

THE DELTA COMMANDER, GENERAL NGUYEN VINH NGHI, WILL BE REPLACED
BY MAJOR GENERAL NGUYEN KHOA NAM, PRESENT COMMANDER OF THE 7TH
INFANTRY DIVISION. NAM HAS BEEN COMMANDER OF THE 7TH--TRADITIONALLY
REGARDED AS THE DELTA'S BEST DIVISION--SINCE 1970. NAM'S REPUTATION
AS A COMBAT COMMANDER AND LEADER IS EXCELLENT AND LIKE THE OTHER
TWO GENERALS HE HAS NOT BEEN TAINTED WITH ANY CHARGES OF ILLICIT
ACTIVITY.

NEW DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS ALSO WERE ANNOUNCED FOR THE 7TH,
21ST, AND 25TH INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

THE US EMBASSY IN SAIGON HAS NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM PRESS
RUMORS THAT SIX CABINET MINISTERS HAVE RESIGNED. E2 IMPDET
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